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SUBJ: SOVIET DCM REPORTEDLY INVOLVED IN COMINFORMIST AFFAIR  
TO REMAIN

1. AT PRC NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 30, UK CHARGE WAS SURPRISED TO FIND SOVIET MINISTER-COUNSELOR SEVIAN. SOVIET EMBASSY HAD CIRCULATED NOTE STATING HE WAS DEPARTING SEPTEMBER 25, AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR GAVE FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR HIM SEPTEMBER 24, AT WHICH SEVIAN SAID HE WOULD BE DEPARTING WITHIN TWO DAYS.

2. SEVIAN TOLD UK CHARGE HIS AMBASSADOR HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO STAY ON AND HE IMPLIED THIS WOULD BE FOR SOME PERIOD OF TIME. SEVIAN BERATED WESTERN PRESS TREATMENT OF SOVIET ROLE IN COMINFORMIST AFFAIR AND, IN PARTICULAR, HIS ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT. HE ASSERTED SOVIET-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS WERE QUITE NORMAL AND FRIENDLY. AS REASON FOR HIS REMAINING, SEVIAN SAID HIS AMBASSADOR FELT DEPARTURE NOW WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS EVIDENCE SOVIETS WERE INDEED INVOLVED.

3. UK CHARGE VIEWS SOVIET SENSITIVITY OVER MATTER AND APPARENT DECISION NOT TO WITHDRAW SEVIAN NOW AS INDICATION HE WAS PROBABLY  
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INVOLVED IN THE AFFAIR.

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